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Canyon Fuel Company (CFC), Skyline Mine, Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Federal Coal Lease UTU-67939, August, 2005, Approval.

Mury fun Dear Ms. Wright:

Re:

On November 27, 2002 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recommended approval of the R2P2 as proposed by CFC and determined that the plan met Maximum Economic Recovery requirements for Federal Coal Lease UTU-67939. On August 1, 2005, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a written request from Canyon Fuel Company (CFC) concerning a request to modify the approved mining plan (R2P2) for the Skyline Mine. The modification request involved minor changes to the R2P2 including some changes in longwall panel configuration in the Winter Quarters lease (UTU-67939). BLM approved these minor changes for the R2P2 on September 22, 2005. Please consider this letter as our recommendation for the R2P2 Federal Mining Plan action.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Steve Rigby at the Price Field Office at 435-636-3604 or Stan Perkes at 801-539-4036.

Sincerely,

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